



Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act

PIPES Act of 2020

The PIPES Act of 2020 will strengthen and reauthorize our nation's pipeline safety laws for three years.

- The safe operation of our nation's pipeline system is vital to our economy.
- Each year, more than 2.6 million miles of pipelines deliver trillions of cubic feet of natural gas and hundreds of billions of tons liquid petroleum products to homes, gas stations, and businesses across the country.
- Americans depend on pipelines every day to deliver fuels for essential uses, such as electricity generation, heating, and cooking.
- Our nation's pipeline system also fuels our national security and our energy security.
- Gas-fired power plants fuel 40 percent of America's energy, and 90 percent of our natural gas is transported by pipelines.
- Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee have advocated for a strong pipeline safety reauthorization bill throughout the 116th Congress, and the PIPES Act of 2020 reflects many priorities Republicans have championed.
- The PIPES Act of 2020 will provide the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the States with resources and tools to perform their pipeline safety responsibilities.
- The legislation encourages PHMSA to strengthen and update its regulations in a timely fashion, and it allows operators to utilize innovative technologies and best practices to improve safety.
- The PIPES Act of 2020 delivers on the promises Republicans have made – protecting our pipelines, ensuring the safe and efficient delivery of energy across the nation, integrating lesson-learned, and continuing to improve safety.